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MICHAEL COREN ON MILO'S MISSION TO DIVIDE

At Berkeley, most of those protesting were peaceful and responsible but, as is so common, the extremes were triumphant. Two sets of fanatics had their way: those who disrupted the speech and those who planned it.

SEWER SPOKESMAN Alt-right icon Milo Yiannopoulos is fighting a fake crusade against made-up enemies: feminists, trans people, Muslims and anyone else he doesn't like, Michael Coren writes.
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This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, sparked in part by the Roman Catholic Church's sale of indulgences. The more you paid, the less time you and your loved ones spent in purgatory. As the rhyme of the time had it, "As soon as a coin in the coffer rings/the soul from purgatory springs."

I couldn't help thinking of all this when reading of the sordid events at The University of California, Berkeley last week when a planned speech by the ultra right-wing narcissist and professional provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos was cancelled after around 150 masked thugs used fireworks, baseball bats and various forms of violence to attack those attending the event.

Milo — he and his acolytes rather ludicrously use the single name — is senior editor for the far right website Breitbart News. He is a bit of a legend in his own lunchtime, and most people have never heard of him, but for the hard right and the hard left he is an icon of either truth or lies. Actually he is neither. A fringe journalist with a troubled past, he reinvented himself as a self-defining fierce, fearless spokesman for those waging war against the chimera of political correctness.

His means of fighting this war against an imaginary foe is to insult and mock anybody who annoys him. Liberals, feminists, the overweight, trans people, Muslims, gays — even though he is himself gay and insists on using the term "f—t." It all becomes somewhat tedious but it arouses those who obviously would like to do the same but lack the ability or the platform. He is a conduit for those who confuse freedom of speech with the licence to abuse. The sewers breathe once again.

Screaming is easy, listening far more difficult.

At Berkeley, most of those protesting were peaceful and responsible but, as is so common, the extremes were triumphant. I use the plural because two sets of fanatics had their way: those who disrupted the speech and those who planned it. You see, this is a dark symbiosis, a grotesque theatre of the absurd where the polarized of right and left destroy the vast middle of ground of sensible disagreement and debate.

And nothing, of course, makes the "coin in the coffer ring" as much as playing the victim and crying that free speech and liberty are under threat. There is money to be made in becoming a champion of white, straight, conservative people who have convinced themselves that they are being persecuted.

The violence at Berkeley, and at other such events, is unacceptable. But there is violence in language as well as action. If one degrades a race, marginalizes a sexuality, condemns a people, there tend to be consequences. Surely the recent obscene events in Quebec City taught us that. One fist can do damage; one broadcast, article or Internet rant can lead to a lot more.

Idiots provoke and idiots are provoked. Milo, and for that matter his banal imitators in Canada, have to establish a false problem if they are to set themselves up as the solution. Build it and they will come.

So if you claim that Islamic extremists are everywhere, that we can no longer speak our minds, that media conspiracies are preventing us from knowing the truth, and that being a white man is considered a crime, enough credulous and insecure people will accept it and act accordingly. Witness the election of Donald Trump.

In actual fact there are genuine dilemmas about speech, tolerance, the meeting place of secular pluralism and religion ideas, and the way we deal with justice and equality issues, and these are intensely sensitive and delicate.

It's because of that sensitivity and delicacy that we have to respond with empathy, compassion, intelligence and responsibility. Screaming is easy, listening far more difficult; outrage satisfies hysteria and anger, consideration fulfils the intellect and the soul.

The hoodlums in California will be punished and Milo will fade away before most of us even knew he was there. The same, God willing, will happen to those Canadian rightists who assume they're being rebellious when they're just childish conformists. But some of the divisions caused will take longer to heal and that's difficult to forgive.

Personally, I'd just ignore these clownish performers. As for the coins in the coffers, integrity is far more valuable than money.

Michael Coren is the author of Epiphany: A Christian's Change of Heart and Mind Over Same-Sex Marriage.

Library's journey to the centres of the city

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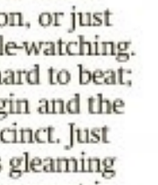

A moment of appreciation, please, for our clapped-out main library, en route to oblivion as council votes tomorrow on its replacement. It gets few thanks these days for its four decades of service.

Mayor Jim Watson last week called it "a cement bunker that is somewhat of an embarrassment for our capital city."

OPL's Deputy CEO, Monique Désormeaux, told the library board, "Our largest and busiest branch cannot support the delivery of modern-day library services. It was developed for books, not technology. It has accessibility issues, technological limitations, and a one-way escalator."

True, true, all true, but I'll miss the old dump anyway. I've spent many hours there, schnoz in a book, riding my laptop to another deadline in quiet desperation, or just hanging out people-watching.

The location's hard to beat; handy to Bank, Elgin and the parliamentary precinct. Just where to plunk its gleaming $168-million replacement is a nice problem to have, but a problem nonetheless.

"Located in the central area as defined by the city's Official Plan," sounds simple enough as a criterion, but there's central and there's central. Where is your city centre? The Parliament buildings? The confluence of the Rideau and Ottawa Rivers? The Canal?

"I could argue," Coun. Keith Egli smart-alecked, "that a truly centrally located library should be on Merivale Road or at Centrepointe, both of which are close geographically to the centre of our city."

The shortlist of 12 proposed sites, from Rideau and King Edward in the east, or Bayview Station in the west, adjacent to the forlorn 'City Centre' mall, all counted as 'central' in some recognizable sense of the word.

557 Wellington, city-owned land at the eastern edge of LeBreton Flats, was green-lit by the board last week and likely headed for council's approval tomorrow. It polled well with residents, with approval ratings in the mid-to-high 70s everywhere but downtown, where 61 per cent favoured it.

The centre of the city, it turns out, depends where you are. Assurances that the core is moving west, that LeBreton will be where the action is when it's fully redeveloped, have not reassured downtown residents whose local branch is leaving the neighbourhood.

Delegates came to the board with their canes, walkers and tight budgets to plead for a closer library, one that doesn't require transit or trooping up and downhill across pedestrian-bullying intersections.

Somerset Coun. Catherine McKenney, the only library board member to vote against the site, was torn between her Centretown constituents and those west of Bronson (herself included) who will enjoy a shorter trip to the library.

"I really had to vote with my conscience," she said. "We have people living in poverty and seniors everywhere, absolutely, but the core of the city, in Centretown, in Rideau-Vanier just across the canal, is where a lot of folks live who don't have vehicles."

The centre will likely shift on Wednesday anyway.

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Mayor wants to move shelter outside the core

HOMELESSNESS

Demand in the area is not what it once was, councillor says

Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

News that Mayor Jim Watson wants one of downtown Ottawa's three main homeless shelters out of downtown is causing waves.

The interest in breaking up the hub of shelters is nothing new, said Peter Tilley, Executive Director for the Ottawa Mission. But, he said, "there has never been that strong a direction until we heard it (Monday) from the mayor."

Watson made the comment while speaking with business owners from the ByWard Market and Rideau Street, said Mathieu Fleury, councillor for the area.

"He said our goal is to not have the need to have three shelters downtown," Fleury said.

But Fleury said this is due to a change in direction causing decreased need.

"(There are approximately) 1,100 shelter users a night in Ottawa," he said. "Five hundred, a few years ago, were chronically homeless. Since then we've housed 300," with new supportive housing initiatives where people don't have to leave during the day.

Though there isn't yet enough funding to house those last 200, that's the goal, and that reduction in clientele will result in organizations like the Salvation Army, the Shepherds of Good Hope and the Ottawa Mission having to reconsider their approach. This would likely mean moving out of downtown.

"People are saying, 'Oh this is because the market is a tourist zone,'" said Fleury. "I'm not saying it's not one of the factors, but it's not the leading factor."

Tilley said having the three shelters close to each other is beneficial. Each shelter has its own range of programs. Being close by means clients can access all of them with just a few minutes' walk.

Tilley said a key would be that these services remain within a walkable area.

"I hope (these services) would still be within the so-called core," he said.

WOULD-BE BEACON

Some councillors want Ottawa to become a sanctuary city.
What that would mean, metroNEWS

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EMPLOYMENT

Ontario workers relatively happy

Only a third of Ontarians love heading to work every day, according to a new survey.

Job search website Monster conducted the survey last month and found 30 per cent of Ontarians said they "love what they do." That's ahead of the national average, which found just 22 per cent of Canadians feel the same way.

Laurent Lapierre, a professor at the University of Ottawa who specializes in workplace behaviour and health, said whether you're an optimist or a pessimist, there's four main criteria that make a job lovable.

The job has to be meaningful — people are happiest when they feel they're fulfilling a personal value.

"As a university professor, I find my work meaningful because I think it's a way of educating the public."

Success should also be achievable, since ideally employers want to feel as if they're doing a good job. Most people (unsurprisingly) don't like being micromanaged and want some freedom. The final element is impact.

"Meaning when you try to carry out your task, or the way you carry out your work, it leads to results. It actually affects things," said Lapierre.

The survey was conducted by Leger in January, and asked 825 working Canadians about their motivation and work. The survey has a margin of error of 3.4 per cent. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

ATHLETICS

WINTER TO GET EXTREME Ramps and scaffolding have materialized along the Rideau Canal locks beside the Chateau Laurier as crews construct the course for the upcoming Red Bull Crashed Ice event. The popular series of "ice cross downhill races, in which athletes in skates and hockey-style pads and helmets negotiate an ice track full of obstacles at speeds of up to 80 km/h, hits the capital the weekend of March 3-4. ADAM KVETON/ FOR METRO

New low-income transit fare still unfair: Group

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Coalition hopes province will top up Equipass

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Worried a new low-income bus pass won't do enough for Ottawans struggling to make ends meet, the Healthy Transport Coalition is asking the Ontario government to fill the void.

Councillors approved the new Equipass during budget consultations. It will cost riders $57 per month and is estimated to benefit 8,800 people.

The coalition, along with other community groups, had hoped the city would bring the price down to the same cost as the community pass, which is for people on Ontario Disability payments — currently $42.25. A regular adult monthly pass costs $113.75.

"It was definitely a good first step, setting the price at $57 per month, and we're grateful the city and the mayor have shown leadership," said Trevor Haché, a spokesperson for the group, "but ultimately we felt $57 was still too expensive."

The Ontario government is doing pre-budget consultations, and Haché said that makes it an ideal time to reach out. He said that, since the first day they launched the campaign encouraging people to write the minister of finance, dozens of emails have already gone in.

$57

The Equipass for low-income transit users is priced at $57 and will benefit about 8,800 people.

He said it can be hard to pin down an exact cost, but they estimate it would cost the Ontario government between $1 million and $2 million per year to top up Ottawa's pass. It would cost more for the government to offer a low-income single ticket fare.

The government is currently consulting on the idea of offering a minimum basic income. Haché said many who work with people with low-incomes believe it's time for the government to stop talking about the issues and start acting.

"A lot of advocates are saying we don't need more consultation, what we need is more funding."

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Behind sanctuary status

CLASSIFICATION

Potential implications in public health, policing

Ryan Tumilty
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Classifying Ottawa as a sanctuary city, as some councillors are proposing to do, could influence how several departments go about their work.

Coun. Catherine McKenney raised the idea last week of having council declare Ottawa to be such a city in the wake of U.S. President Donald Trump's immigration ban.

McKenney did not return calls from Metro Tuesday about whether she still planned to introduce a motion at Wednesday's council meeting, but she told CBC last week that it was an important issue.

"When things around the world are so tenuous and people are nervous about travelling around, I think it's important we take care of each other."

A large crowd listens to speakers at a rally outside the U.S. embassy on Sussex Drive on Monday, Jan. 30. Ottawa councillors are proposing to make the city a sanctuary for immigrants in the wake of U.S. President Donald Trump's immigration ban. METRO FILE

Sanctuary cities in the United States are cities that decline to work with customs and border officials on deportation.

Police agencies in those communities won't hold someone in custody for the border agency and city staff don't ask people about their immigration status.

Const. Chuck Benoit with the Ottawa police said the service generally doesn't get involved in immigration matters.

"Ottawa Police Service does not proactively look for immigration issues unless we are looking for a serious offender involved in criminal activity or an immigration issue arises during an investigation," he said.

Benoit said police will ask CBSA for assistance if they believe there is an issue with someone's immigration status, but the border agency makes decisions about what happens next.

According to an agency spokesperson, Ottawa Public Health does occasionally ask people about their immigration status, but only for health reasons.

The recreation department does not ask for a person's immigration status, but the community service department said they have to follow provincial and federal rules.

"For example, in order to receive Ontario Works income support, applicants must be a resident of Ottawa, and have an approved immigration status as defined by the province," said Janice Burelle, general manager of community and social services.

McKenney has said her motion will ask only to have city staff study the idea and report back.

STABBING VICTIM

Support for family, funeral

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The family of a young man who was fatally stabbed in east Ottawa is crowdfunding to cover the costs of his funeral.

"Brian's family is left reeling from this senseless act of violence," wrote Tammy Hogan, who organized the fundraising campaign.

"There is little in the way of financial means and supports for his parents and siblings. We need your help in supporting his heartbroken family," she wrote. "For those of you who did not have a chance to know Brian Boucher, you missed out on one fantastic character."

Hogan wrote that Boucher often gave his time to charity. He organized leadership activities for at-risk children and youth and collected food and Christmas presents for families in need.

The 24-year-old was stabbed to death last Thursday morning, in the basement of a home in the 1100 block of Joseph Cyr Street.

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MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

Inquiry will break legal ground, team says

Canadians should not expect to see hearings like those that unfold in courtrooms during the course of the inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women, lead commissioner Marion Buller said Tuesday.

The inquiry will instead provide a way for Indigenous people to tell their own stories in their own way, Buller told a news conference in Ottawa along with her fellow commissioners and members of the inquiry's legal team.

The update was scheduled amid growing questions about the status of the inquiry and the recent removal of its former communications director.

Buller said she understands many are anxious to see formal hearings begin, but she said the commission would be neglecting its responsibilities if it failed to ensure an appropriate setup was in place ahead of time.

The national inquiry, which is still on schedule to begin in the spring, will be unlike anything the country has seen from a legal standpoint, added Susan Vella, the lead counsel for the study.

"Right now, it is a very flexible concept, obviously, and it has to be," Vella said. "The commissioners are entitled to receive information which might not otherwise be admissible in evidence in a court. This is a usual power of commissioners."

The inquiry will provide different options as it goes about collecting information, Vella said, and will include lesbian, two-spirit and transgender people in the process.

She also said the commissioners will only go into communities where they are invited, noting they will adhere to proper protocols depending on the Indigenous territory.

"If the community is too traumatized and cannot handle the show of a public inquiry coming in, then we will respect that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Influx at the border

REFUGEES

Manitoba town sees rise in asylum seekers

An increasing number of people seeking asylum are braving the elements of the open prairie to come into Canada from the United States, says the head of one small community that is calling for federal help to deal with the influx.

Last weekend alone, 22 people crossed the border from North Dakota into Emerson-Franklin, RCMP confirmed Tuesday. Nineteen were put up in a community hall and were supervised and fed by officials and volunteers in the community of some 2,000 residents.

Yahya Samatar
THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It's starting to get overwhelmed here, and now we're starting to have concerns that we maybe need to have more security or do something different," said Greg Janzen, the municipality's reeve.

The area has always seen the occasional border jumper, due to the short walk from communities such as Pembina or Noyes in North Dakota to Emerson-Franklin, which sits right on the boundary. But the numbers have increased in recent months and have shot up dramatically in the last couple of weeks following planned new restrictions in the U.S. on refugees.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Tuesday border crossings in other parts of the country have also seen an increase, but the overall numbers are not as high as they were several years ago.

One of the crossers was Yahya Samatar. Originally from Somalia and fearing persecution from a group affiliated with al-Qaida, he went to the United States and was denied refugee status. Eventually, he made his way from Minneapolis to the border area not far from Emerson-Franklin.

He got lost, saw the Red River and jumped in, hoping that Canada was on the other side. After getting out and walking for 45 minutes, he came across a Good Samaritan who helped him. He has been allowed to stay in Canada and now works in Winnipeg..

"When a person is very desperate, you have to take any options that can save your life," Samatar said.

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Judges skeptical about ban

COURT

Justice Department faces tough questions

A panel of appeals court judges reviewing President Donald Trump's travel ban hammered away Tuesday at the federal government's arguments that the states cannot challenge the order.

The hearing before the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit Court of Appeals judges was the greatest legal challenge yet to the ban, which has upended travel to the U.S. for more than a week and tested the new administration's use of executive power.

The government asked the court to restore Trump's order, contending that the president alone has the power to decide who can enter or stay in the United States. But several states have fought the ban on travellers from seven predominantly Muslim nations and insisted that it is unconstitutional.

The judges — two Democratic appointees and one Republican — repeatedly questioned Justice Department lawyer August Flentje on why the states should not be able to sue on behalf of their residents or on behalf of their universities, which have complained about students and faculty getting stranded overseas.

Karen Shore holds up a sign outside of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco on Tuesday. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Circuit Judge Michelle T. Friedland, who was appointed by President Barack Obama, asked whether the government has any evidence connecting the seven predominantly Muslim nations covered by the ban to terrorism.

Flentje told the judges that the case was moving fast and the government had not yet included evidence to support the ban.

Friedland asked if the government had connected any immigrants from the seven countries to terrorism. Flentje cited a number of Somalis in the U.S. who, he said, had been connected to the al-Shabab terrorist group terror group after judges asked for evidence about the ban.

The final minutes of the hearing were largely devoted to whether the travel ban was intended to discriminate against Muslims.

Judge Richard Clifton wanted to know how the order could be considered discriminatory if it potentially affected only 15 per cent of the world's Muslims, according to his calculations.

In response, Washington state Solicitor General Noah Purcell said that it's remarkable to have this much evidence of discriminatory intent this early in the case. He cited Trump's campaign statements about a Muslim ban and public statements by adviser Rudy Giuliani that he was asked to help devise a legal version of the Muslim ban.

A Justice Department lawyer argued that the courts should not question the president's authority over national security based on newspaper articles. But under questioning from Clifton, he did not dispute that the statements were made.

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CABINET

Pence breaks tie

Charter school advocate Betsy DeVos won confirmation as education secretary Tuesday by a margin, pushed to approval only by the historic tie-breaking vote of Vice President Mike Pence.

GLOBAL DIGEST

SOMALIA

Election amid turmoil

Colorful campaign posters in this seaside capital give the impression that Somalia's presidential election on Wednesday will be like any other. That's far from true.

Mogadishu is in lockdown because of violence by homegrown Islamic extremist group al-Shabab. The airport will be closed, and the vote will be confined to a heavily protected former air force base. Fears of attacks already have delayed the vote several times.

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SYRIA

Thousands hanged: Report

The Syrian prison was known as "the slaughterhouse." Behind its closed doors, the military police hanged as many as 13,000 people over the course of four years, according to a report by Amnesty International. The report covers the period from March 2011 to December 2015, when Amnesty says between 5,000 and 13,000 people were hanged.

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Canada posts trade surplus

ECONOMY

Natural gas, oil exports boost consecutive monthly totals

The country posted back-to-back monthly trade surpluses for the first time since September 2014, boosted by higher prices for exports of oil and natural gas in December, Statistics Canada said Tuesday.

But the gain in energy prices hid some troubling weakness in non-energy exports, economists said.

The overall trade surplus hit $923 million for the final month of 2016 after a surplus the previous month that was revised upward to $1 billion from an initial reading of $526 million.

The result exceeded expectations, as economists had anticipated a surplus of $350 million for December.

Jennifer Lee, a senior economist with BMO Capital Markets, said the monthly trade figures have taken on greater significance as of late.

"These days, international trade reports are scrutinized, not just for their impact on GDP, but the political ramifications as well," Lee said in a research note to clients.

"Running surpluses will draw unwanted attention (from the U.S.)."

Trade was a key issue for U.S. President Donald Trump's campaign, during which he said the United States needed to take a tougher approach.

While Trump has focused much of his attention on his country's trade relationship with Mexico and China, some have raised concerns that Canada could face collateral damage in a trade dispute.

Canada maintained its trade surplus with the U.S. in December, though it narrowed to $4.4 billion from $4.7 billion in November. Exports to the U.S. edged up 0.2 per cent to $34.2 billion in December, while imports from the United States increased 1.3 per cent to $29.7 billion.

Overall, exports in December gained 0.8 per cent to a record $46.4 billion due to higher energy product prices.

Imports rose one per cent to $45.5 billion in December, due in large part to imports of aircraft and industrial machinery.

CIBC economist Nick Exarhos said the overall trend in real exports is still stuck in a range and he has concerns that protectionist policies in the U.S. have the potential to slow, or even derail a recovery in manufacturing.

"Combined with limited upside for energy prices over the coming months, and the fact that there's room for imports to play catch-up, we've likely seen the best of the bounce in the trade balance for a while," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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> Nick Exarhos

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter expands anti-hate campaign

Twitter announced Tuesday that it is expanding efforts to protect its users from abuse and harassment, the latest milestone in a broader, growing corporate campaign against online hate.

The company said it has begun identifying people who have been banned for abusive behaviour and it will stop them from making new accounts.

In July, Twitter banned conservative provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos, an editor of the right-wing news site Breitbart News, for "participating in or inciting targeted abuse of individuals." Twitter subsequently suspended the accounts of other prominent figureheads of the "alt-right" fringe movement, an amorphous mix of racism, white nationalism, xenophobia and anti-feminism.

Twitter has been under fire for failing to address hate and abuse on the site since its founding a decade ago. Balancing its reputation as a free speech haven has come into conflict with efforts to protect users. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Federal govt. to give Bombardier a $372M lifeline

The federal government will give Bombardier $372 million in repayable loans, according to a source who requested anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak on the matter. Several cabinet ministers including Innovation Minister Navdeep Bains and Transport Minister Marc Garneau have scheduled a news conference at a Bombardier facility in Montreal at 6:30 p.m. ET. Bombardier has been appealing for $1 billion US in federal assistance since 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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JESSICA ALLEN ON DECIDING WHAT YOU VALUE

Boycotting a product or service to make a political statement is one thing. But follow the money, and it gets a lot more complicated.

Sometime in the late '90s at a friend's backyard barbecue, I remember meeting a woman who refused a bowl of ice cream.

She was boycotting the brand, which I don't remember. But they'd done something terrible.

While I ate mine (strawberry, I believe), I noticed she was wearing Nike trainers. It must've been right after Michael Moore's 1997 The Big One, a documentary in which Moore meets with Nike CEO Phil Knight and asks him to manufacture his shoes in America rather than in Indonesian sweatshops.

"How did she choose to boycott the ice cream over the shoes?" I thought. And, as I realized everything I was wearing — from my socks to my hair elastic — was probably made under ethically and environmentally questionable circumstances, it occurred to me: If I want to put my money where my mouth is, the only alternative is to go live in a tree house.

Flash forward to today and whatever your beliefs, there's a boycott for you.

Say you support Donald Trump's executive order banning refugees and travellers from seven mostly Muslim countries. Then, you might choose to boycott Starbucks because the coffee company promised to hire 10,000 refugees. Or perhaps Budweiser, whose Super Bowl commercial was decidedly pro-immigration.

If you detest the ban, you can boycott anything that says Trump on it, like his hotels and neckties, or his daughter Ivanka's fashion lines.

You may have also been one of the 200,000 who deleted the Uber app after the ridesharing company was seen as undercutting the largely Muslim, 19,000-strong New York Taxi Workers Alliance.

The day after Trump signed his executive order, the alliance called for a one-hour freeze on pickups at JFK airport to show solidarity with thousands of protesters who'd gathered at the airport.

"We cannot be silent. We go to work to welcome people to a land that once welcomed us. We will not be divided," they tweeted.

But #DeleteUber wasn't just trending on Twitter because Uber drivers ignored the freeze and shut off their surge pricing.

Back in December, their chief executive Travis Kalanick was asked to join an economic advisory council with Trump.

The proximity to that name was enough to encourage many to switch to Lyft, another rideshare service, that recently announced it was donating $1 million US to the ACLU. But then it became known that two of Trump's advisers are major Lyft investors.

In other words, things got complicated. But deleting seemed far more effective in the moment than distilling.

Distilling would've required taking the time to ask what is wrong with Kalanick taking part in the economic advisory council, and, more importantly, what is this council?

The Strategic and Policy Forum, according to Trump's website greatagain.gov, is a chance for 16 business leaders "to provide direct input to the President from many of the best and brightest in the business world in a frank, non-bureaucratic and non-partisan manner."

Let's say you want to protest Trump's immigration policies by boycotting Uber: It's not quite as clear-cut as you think. GETTY

Who else is going? CEOs and representatives of Tesla, Pepsi Co. General Motors, Walt Disney, Boeing, IBM, JPMorgan Chase, Walmart, and Daniel Yergin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and energy analyst, among others.

Do we boycott them, too?

Kalanick emailed his staff to explain why having a seat at this table wasn't an endorsement of the president, but a chance to effect change, and "that by speaking up and engaging we can make a difference."

Days later, Kalanick removed himself from that table: "The implicit assumption that Uber (or I) was somehow endorsing the Administration's agenda has created a perception-reality gap between who people think we are, and who we actually are."

Which is a shame because a businessperson with clout will not take part in a conversation that could greatly affect the American economy.

I didn't delete my Uber app, although I should because they can't find my house on their navigation system. Actually, I probably should never have downloaded it in the first place.

They didn't just undermine New York City taxi drivers during the protest. Their entire business model undercuts those drivers every single day.

The ridesharing enterprise is based on incentivizing workers to undervalue their labour. Many drivers are supplementing a menial day job with the earnings from another. If you choose Uber, you're not thoughtfully considering how your dollars translate into the world we live in.

That is the problem.

Faced with an increasingly complicated and politicized world, it's time to start looking beyond hashtags and realize that every decision — from the $4 ride to the $4 socks — has political implications.

The problem isn't how to spend your money, the problem is deciding what you value and being savvy enough to make sure you aren't accidentally supporting it.

But cheap socks are amazing. That's the hard part. If you begin to follow the money, the tree house starts looking better and better.

It's time to start looking beyond hashtags and realize that every decision has political implications.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Our refugee policy is tested now that the crisis is at our door

The next few years will test the strength of Refugees Welcome. And I worry it is a test Canada is doomed to fail. While Canada has moved on with generosity and relative openness to the Syrian crisis, many of the world's refugees have been left in a confusing lurch.

The Trudeau government has committed to playing a part in bringing over refugees from Syria. But even in that, their response has been haphazard. For example, in December, Ottawa placed a cap on private-sponsor applications for Syrian and Iraqi refugees at 1,000 for 2017.

That is only a fraction of the 13,000 Syrian refugees that arrived in Canada via the private sponsorship program in 2016 alone.

For many families and community groups on the private sponsorship list, the announcement was a surprise; while the government sorts through a massive backlog, they have waited, ready and willing.

The private sponsorship option is Canada's flagship PR-friendly program; it is a standout program that is cited by experts for its uniqueness and superb co-ordination.

A speedy and co-ordinated response is essential. The global refugee crisis has now arrived at our borders.

According to the Toronto Star, border guards in Quebec reported a threefold rise in migrants walking across the border to claim asylum in Canada. In many spots, including Emerson, Man., communities along the U.S.-Canada border are reporting a substantial increase in migrants trekking through treacherous weather.

The election of U.S. President Donald Trump, and the subsequent travel ban on seven mostly Muslim countries, has only increased the volume of asylum claimants crossing the border from the U.S. into Canada.

The government response has been lacklustre. After Trump's executive order, Prime Minister Trudeau tweeted, "To those fleeing persecution, terror & war, Canada will welcome you, regardless of your faith." For many, this was seen as an open invitation (and defiance of Donald Trump). And yet, when pressed on it, Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen clarified that there would be no actual increase in the number of refugees Canada would welcome. The U.S. would keep its designation as a safe country.

For migrants from Muslim countries, the U.S. is not a safe option. In fact, as Daily Xtra reported, LGBTQ refugees from Iran — an Islamic country hostile to queer citizens — are now stranded in Turkey, a largely Muslim country already overwhelmed with refugees. They'd been promised asylum under the Harper government. They are now being told by the Canadian embassy to apply to the United States, a nation presided over by a man hostile to all Muslims.

As the American situation unfolds and crises in South Sudan and Venezuela become more urgent, this lack of coherence will show up at our doors.

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The Bunnies are back... Three decades after the original Playboy Club closed in New York, a victim of changing tastes and views on women, a new one will debut later this year a few blocks from Times Square.

A meal that made you fall in love

There's nothing more romantic than staying home and cooking for a loved one. We asked readers what they made for their significant others during their early stages of dating or as newlyweds. Here are a few of their stories.

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Lakshmi

My husband Ghopal was my brother's friend and we knew each other for five years before we got married in Hyderabad, India. When we got engaged I made him upma, a south Indian bread dish, because I had bread in the house and it's a quick dish that he never had before. He still enjoys it today after 47 years of marriage! We moved to Toronto 43 years ago and both love introducing our dishes to friends and neighbours. Ghopal does the chopping and I do the cooking, but he also makes really good curry puffs. My husband used to work at Sears and I would bring him lunch and we'd eat in the cafeteria together. Now we're both artists where he'll draw and I'll paint. We love doing things together.

Karen

My whole family loved my meat loaf. So when I made it as a newlywed for my husband I expected a warm reception. But my husband was surprised that I didn't cover it with a tin of tomato soup like his mom did. He was downright mystified by the garlic. It wasn't his momma's meat loaf, which he professed to love, but I carried on, knowing that it would be his new favourite. I could not have been more wrong. It seems that while I was cleaning up that night, he tried to flush the meat loaf down the toilet. The toilet got completely stopped so we had the superintendent come up with a plunger to our new apartment. That happened in September 1970 when we were both 18 and remarkably we're still together.

Benjamin

Eleven years ago when I lived in Cleveland, I met Carolyn at a creative workshop and we had a long-distance relationship for about eight months. I bragged to her that I was a good cook and on her first visit, I told her to play Iron Chef: name one ingredient and I'd make an entrée with it. She said chocolate. I made her chicken breasts with a mole sauce. We married in 2007 and ironically, she has since given up chocolate and is now a vegetarian.

Donalda

The first meal I made for my husband Roy was a TV dinner when I was 20. I took the dinners out of the freezer, read the instructions, turned on the oven and put them in. I picked up a magazine to read while they cooked. Eventually the timer went off and I took out the TV dinners, which still had frost on top. I didn't realize you had to preheat the oven. Roy never said anything about my mistake. He's been very faithful complementing me about enjoying what I've made for us to eat. As the years passed, I've become a very good cooks. Roy and I have been married for 60 years since last November. Needless to say, I've learned to turn on the oven at the proper time and temperature.

Nancy

I met my husband when we went to the same college in Illinois in 1965. When I graduated, we moved to Canada and got married. His family is from Estonia, so I wanted to learn the language and pay attention to his customs. I never learned the language very well but I did learn to make rosolje, a traditional beet salad that his family made at Christmas. He bought the salted herring and chopped up many of the ingredients: beets, apples, potatoes, meat and pickles. I realized at that point that he had good culinary skills. I was surprised. That was in 1967. We continued to make rosolje every Christmas and we plan on making it this July for our 50th wedding anniversary.

High fives for Drake, Mendes and Weeknd

2017 JUNO AWARDS

Home comfort for global stars as Downie joins front of queue

Shawn Mendes and the Weeknd (inset) are both nominated for album, song and artist of the year awards at this year's Junos. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Global music stars Drake, Shawn Mendes and the Weeknd were celebrated at home Tuesday as they were named the leading nominees heading into this year's Juno Awards, while Gord Downie's work in 2016 could garner a half-dozen trophies.

Downie is nominated for songwriter of the year, best adult alternative album and best video for his multimedia solo project Secret Path, which is also in the running for recording package of the year. His band the Tragically Hip is also up for group of year and rock album of the year honours.

Drake, Mendes and the Weeknd all have five nominations and are contending in marquee categories including best album, best single, artist of the year and the Juno Fan Choice Award. Pop singer Alessia Cara followed closely behind with four nominations, as did the late Leonard Cohen.

A Tribe Called Red, Grimes, Ruth B, Kaytranada, and Tegan and Sara all have three nominations. Pop singer Coleman Hell said returning to the Junos after being nominated as breakthrough artist last year is encouraging. He's nominated for Summerland in the pop album category this year.

"It feels pretty validating," he said. "You put so much time into these things and you never know what's going to happen with it, so it's nice to be recognized."

The Juno Awards will be staged at Ottawa's Canadian Tire Centre on April 2 and air on CTV. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Bloody glowers only for Hardy

THE SHOW: Taboo, Season 1, Episode 2 (FX)
THE MOMENT: The period filth

The War of 1812 is nearly over. James Delaney (Tom Hardy) has just returned to England after 12 mysterious years in Africa. He has many enemies — as did his late father, who left behind angry creditors.

Delaney and his crooked lawyer Thoyt (Nicholas Woodeson) have called the creditors into a courtroom, where they mob behind the bar.

Delaney glowers at them from the front.

"The son does not inherit the debts of the father," Hoyt cries.

Suddenly Delaney stands, opens a leather satchel, and tips its contents onto a table. Coins rain down.

"That is 219 pounds and four shillings," he growls. "My father's debts total 219 pounds and four shillings. So you will be paid. But first you will form an orderly line."

The mob quietens. "But first you will form an orderly line," Delaney repeats, more slowly, but as menacingly as a dragon. The men form a line.

I hope if Hardy ever wins an award for this, the first person he thanks is his makeup artist.

Never has there been a more scrofulous show. Every character, including King George, is perpetually disgusting: Their cheeks are streaked with soot, their knuckles red from punching things.

What teeth remain are green or rudely capped with clots of silver. And the tattoos! I hope some of the many on Hardy's body are real, or else he's spending days in makeup chairs.

But man, it's effective. Hardy's glower is scary no matter how it's deployed. But it's really powerful when rimmed with blood and grime.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

BANNON NEXT?

Rosie ready for SNL skit

On the heels of actress Melissa McCarthy's caustic portrayal of White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer on Saturday Night Live, comedienne Rosie O'Donnell says she's available to play President Donald Trump's controversial adviser Steve Bannon.

On her Twitter feed Monday night, O'Donnell responded to suggestions that she play Bannon by saying "available — if called I will serve."

McCarthy lampooned Spicer last weekend in a Saturday Night Live sketch where she taunted reporters as "losers," fired a water gun at the press corps and used the lectern to ram a Wall Street Journal journalist.

O'Donnell and Trump have publicly feuded in the past, with Trump making derogatory comments about her looks and weight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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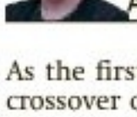

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As the first dedicated hybrid crossover on the market, the Niro occupies a unique space that's barely been tapped by the likes of the hybrid versions of the Toyota RAV4 and the U.S.-exclusive Nissan Rogue. But unlike both of those, which burn only slightly less fuel than their purely gas-powered siblings, the Niro has what it takes to do battle with the Prius sedan at the pumps.

Hybrid crossovers, even front-wheel-drive ones, aren't exactly fuel efficient. That's because they're big, tall and heavy. That's why the 2017 Kia Niro — unlike both gas-electric versions of the RAV4 and Rogue — is built on a platform that was developed specifically for hybrid applications.

Those underpinnings, which are shared with the upcoming Hyundai Ioniq, allow the Niro to be more slight and squat than a traditional crossover. The Niro rides low to the ground in a bid to improve efficiency.

Also helping on the efficiency front is the Niro's powertrain, which, like its platform, is shared with its sister Ioniq sedan. It combines a 1.6-litre gas engine with a small electric motor that works with a rear-mounted battery pack to add electrons to the drive, while power is transferred to the pavement through a six-speed dual clutch automatic transmission.

And this is where the Niro's only major concession comes into play. Unlike the Rogue and RAV4 hybrid models, it's only available with front-wheel drive. This helps the Niro achieve its impressive fuel economy numbers — combined ratings range from 5.5 L/100 km to 4.7 L/100 km depending on trim.

Doing without all-wheel drive has an additional benefit. Engineers were able to mount the Niro's lithium-ion battery pack beneath the rear seats. While most hybrids have their battery packs mounted in the cargo area, doing so cuts into available space.

Cargo room in the Niro sits at a reasonable 549 litres with the second row of seats upright and 1,543 litres with them folded. Making the most out of the available space, the Niro's tailgate opening is nice and wide, while its rear wheel wells barely cut into cargo volume thanks to cleverly packaged rear suspension.

When it comes to being both a crossover and a hybrid, the 2017 Kia Niro finds itself with few rivals. That list shrinks even further when you factor in its price. Base models start at just $24,995, strategically undercutting the Toyota Prius by a hefty margin.

Overall, it's an impressive offering that executes Kia's bang-for-your-buck strategy to near perfection.

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THE BASICS

Engine: 1.6L 4-cylinder, electric motor, 1.56-kWh lithium-ion battery
Transmission: 6-speed automatic
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STINGRAY

Proof of Corvette wagon appears

First announced in 2013, it almost seems like Callaway's shooting brake version of the Corvette Stingray would never become reality. But in April 2016, the company confirmed it was heading to production and now there's proof. Pete Callaway, California general manager of Callaway Cars, took to Facebook to share some images of the Chevrolet Corvette AeroWagen in all its glory. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

WHEELS BRIEFS

Station wagon here to stay

Sporting 603 horsepower and 627 pound-feet of torque, the Mercedes-AMG E63 S Wagon is more than just a family hauler.

Wagons may seem to be a dying breed in the U.S., giving way to crossovers and SUVs, but Mercedes-AMG doesn't have any plans of stepping away from the market. The standard E400 4MATIC Wagon is heading to dealers by March and joining it this fall will be the high-performance AMG E63 S variant. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

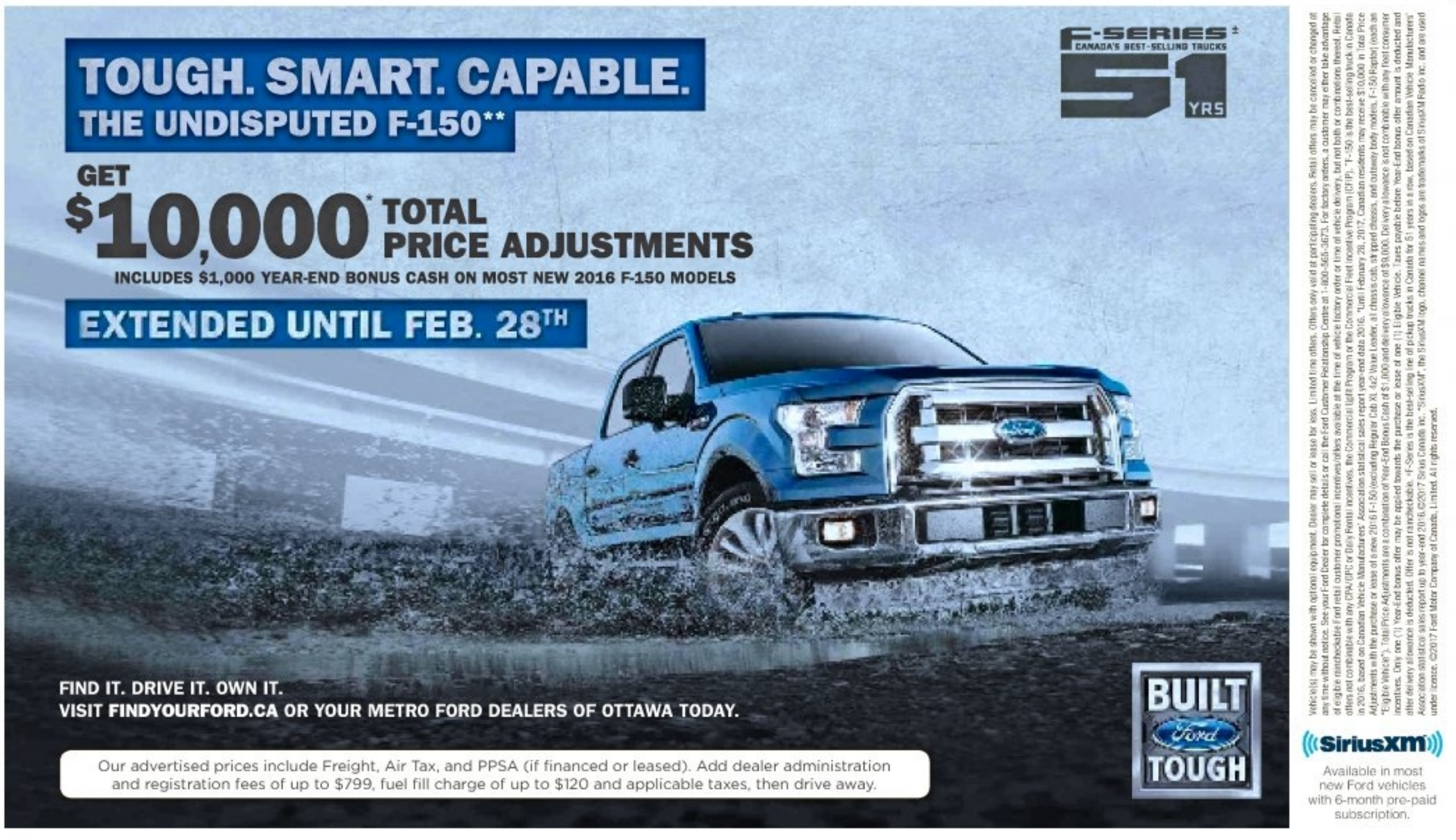
DELIVERY

Off-road cargo

Nissan is taking deliveries to the next level, making sure that cargo can get anywhere. The NV Cargo X is a project vehicle that debuted 2017 Chicago Auto Show. It stands at over seven-and-a-half feet, sits on 37-inch tires and is powered by a 5.0-liter V8 turbo diesel.

Built in partnership with off-roader Ian Johnson, this van was built to be a rock crawler and its own support vehicle. The suspension is heavily modified to fit the big tires, though the standard leaf spring design is retained in the rear end. A custom LED light system, a 10,000-lb front-mounted winch, a tube bumper and a custom skid plate complete the van's off-road gear.

On the inside, the cargo bay is filled with everything an off-road recovery and support vehicle would carry, including a full-size spare, a recovery rope, recovery tracks, a high-lift jack, portable welder and a tool bag. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM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Club brass from relegation-threatened Premier League champion Leicester have given "unwavering support" to manager Claudio Ranieri

Enjoying life on top

NHL

Crosby hovers over milestone 5 years after career in limbo

Five years ago, Sidney Crosby spent a winter working out in solitude wondering when the pain in his neck would ease and the intermittent fog in his head would lift. The lingering effects of a concussion in the 2011 Winter Classic left the Pittsburgh Penguins captain's once bright future uncertain at best.

For the first time in his life, the preternatural vision that helped make Crosby a star couldn't see the next move.

Reaching a thousand points? Heck, Crosby would have settled for the chance to score just once more.

"A lot of things go through your head as far as playing again, getting to the level you think you can get to," the two-time MVP said. "A lot of sitting time around kind of waiting. It's hard for that to not kind of cross your mind."

No longer. Not with Crosby healthy and at the height of his powers for the defending Stanley Cup champions. Crosby's 30 goals lead the league and his 59 points are second only to Edmonton's Connor McDavid, who is now where Crosby was a decade ago: at the forefront of the next wave of superstars.

The 29-year-old Crosby remembers those giddy early days. Yet he doesn't hold them as close as the ones that left him wondering if he would ever get back on the ice with his teammates, let alone return to the form that made him the torchbearer for an entire organization as a teenager.

So whenever Crosby becomes the 86th member of the NHL's 1,000-point club — he had 997 heading into a visit by Calgary on Tuesday night — he'll make sure the puck ends up in his father Troy's hands for safekeeping. And with it comes an appreciation that Crosby admits he didn't always have for his own talent and the historic company he keeps.

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Heading into Tuesday's action, there were seven active players with at least 1,000 career points.

"I don't feel old but I feel like there are times maybe when you're younger it's kind of an extension of junior hockey where you're used to getting certain milestones and it seems to come easy," Crosby said. "I think you look at it differently as you get older. It's just something you try to enjoy a little bit more." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL PATRIOTS BRING THE PARTY TO THE STREETS New England Patriots, from left, free safety Devin McCourty, quarterback Tom Brady and head coach Bill Belichick hoist Super Bowl trophies during a rally Tuesday in Boston to celebrate Sunday's 34-28 win over the Atlanta Falcons. Hundreds of thousands of jubilant fans lined the parade route and endured snow and rain to fete the Pats for winning their fifth NFL championship.
BARRY CHIN/POOL/THE BOSTON GLOBE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Bruins part ways with Julien

The Bruins felt they needed a change at the top, even if it meant doing it on a day when the city was celebrating a championship.

Boston fired Stanley Cup-winning coach Claude Julien on Tuesday, just hours before a downtown parade in honour of the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory.

General manager Don Sweeney apologized for the timing, but said the team's two-day break between games provided time to recover from the emotions of Julien's dismissal. He said he wasn't oblivious of the optics, but added, "I'm not going to make a decision just based on that."

Claude Julien
GETTY IMAGES

With the team in danger of missing the playoffs for a third straight season, Sweeney felt he had little choice. Boston has lost two in a row and six of nine and fallen out of a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Assistant Bruce Cassidy was named interim coach.

"I had come to a conclusion that in moving this group forward with an eye toward the plans that have been put in place, that I wasn't willing to commit to a longer term basis with Claude," Sweeney said.

He also said there is time before the March 1 trade deadline to make adjustments that could get the Bruins in position to make the playoffs.

"There's no question I think this group has a chance to get in," Sweeney said.
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IN BRIEF

Falcons quickly fill void at offensive co-ordinator

The Atlanta Falcons have hired Alabama's Steve Sarkisian as their new offensive co-ordinator.

The move was announced Tuesday, a day after Kyle Shanahan left to become head coach of the San Francisco 49ers.
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Barcelona books return to Copa del Rey final

Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez teamed up again to send Barcelona to a fourth consecutive Copa del Rey final after a combative 1-1 draw with Atletico Madrid on Tuesday that saw three players sent off.

Suarez fired in a rebound from Messi's shot to put Barcelona ahead, but the Uruguay striker will miss the final after a second booking in the 90th minute of a game that helped his team to a 3-2 win on aggregate.
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Ban may keep Russia out of track and field worlds

Russian athletics looked set for conflict with the IAAF over doping even as the government admitted on Tuesday some top coaches relied on giving banned substances to their athletes.

The IAAF on Monday said Russia would probably not be reinstated to global athletics until at least November, meaning there won't be an official Russia team at the world championships in August.
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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Easy Mini Turkey Meatloaves

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Double this recipe so you've got a few meatloaves to go in the freezer. That's how much you're going to love them.

Ready in 1 hour
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 glug of olive oil
- 1/3 cup onion, diced on the fine side
- 1/3 cup celery, diced small
- 1/3 cup carrot, peeled, diced small
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1/2 cup of rolled oats
- 1 1/2 pound of ground turkey
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup Parmesan, grated
- 2 Tbsp ketchup
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Warm olive oil in pan over medium heat. Add vegetables and the fennel seeds and allow to soften, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool a bit.

2. In a large mixing bowl, combine meat, oats, ketchup, sautéed vegetables, cheese and egg. Mix with clean hands or a fork. Use a 1/3 cup measure to scoop mixture and put it in muffin tin.

3. In a small bowl, mix 2 Tbsp of ketchup and 1 tsp of Worcestershire sauce. Use a small spoon to smear glaze over mini meatloaves. Pop in oven 40 minutes. The internal temperature for meatloaf should be 160 to 165 degrees F.

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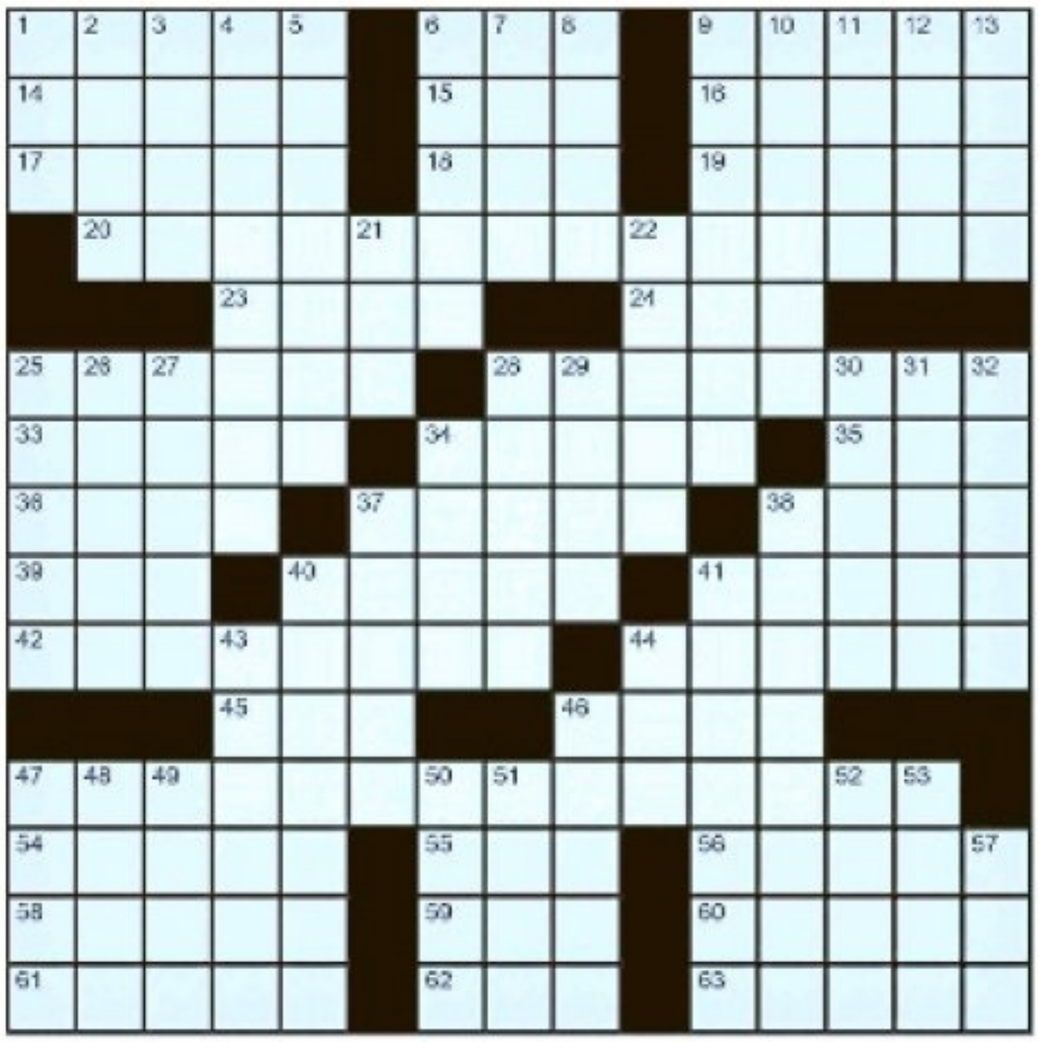

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15. Hawaiian dish
16. Ms. Verdugo of "Marcus Welby, M.D."
17. Aquarium fish
18. Strong-__
19. "Robert De __ Waiting..." by Bananarama
20. Whitehorse aka 'The __ __'
23. Money owed
24. Business: Co., in French
25. Soak up
28. "The Social" on CTV, for example: 2 wds.
33. Wanders
34. Crocheter's creation
35. Latin roe
36. Auberges
37. Actress, Lauren __
38. Drama king Sir Coward
39. Manchester, __.
40. Serf of Sparta
41. Close-knit unit
42. Captain Cook, for one
44. Believes
45. Blood-typing letters
46. 2003 Samuel L. Jackson/Colin Farrell m.o.v.i.e.
47. UNESCO World Heritage Site in Labrador: Red Bay Basque __ __ (Where 16th-century mariners from the Pyrenees region of France/Spain hunted Rights and Bowheads to supply oil, such as for lamps, to Europe)
54. English Channel sight, Isle of __
55. Cacharel perfume
56. Mythological blood
58. "__ __ helicopter!" (Stranded-on-the-mountain exclamation)
59. Totally
60. Gullible
61. Sluggish
62. Head-to-__
63. Crow

DOWN
1. Do
2. Batch
3. Fabled snowy creature
4. Peerage realms
5. Stock switchers
6. '60s abstractionism: 2 wds.
7. "Come Blow Your __" (1963) starring Frank Sinatra
8. Street performer
9. Concentration
10. Restaurant where you can get anything you want in the Arlo Guthrie tune
11. Italian saint, Philip __
12. Combing problem
13. Simple
21. Wane in the waters
22. Like a fish's outers
25. Horoscope sign
26. __ Bay, Newfoundland
27. __ __ song (Did what vocalists do)
28. "Blue Ain't Your __" by Keith Urban
29. To the __ (Fully)
30. Parka parts
31. Blatant
32. United Kingdom country
34. Bananas brand
37. Wading bird
38. Tragically Hip's "__ Disaster"
40. __ for Humanity
41. Packing the goods for a cargo shipment
43. 'Honey Capital of Canada' town in Alberta
44. Ex-airline
46. Croutons-making ingredient, __ bread
47. Allies vs. Axis arena [abbr.]
48. __ '_' Hers
49. American writer James
50. Irritating fly
51. Alone
52. Cincinnati's state
53. 'N' of NS
57. __. General

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is the second day in a row where things are volatile at home or with spouses and partners. Do what you can to keep the peace, because tomorrow is a much easier day.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something will create detours and delays in your daily routine today. Therefore, allow extra time for everything so that you have wiggle room for dealing with the unexpected.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Something unexpected will affect your cash flow or finances today. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss or theft.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Once again, the Moon is in your sign, at odds with another planet! You are too impulsive and trigger-happy. Just calm down and do not overreact, especially when talking to bosses.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a restless day for you. Because of this, you could make an error in judgment. You also might say something you'll later regret. Be cool — who wants egg on his or her face?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
During discussions with friends or groups, something regarding shared property might blow you out of the water. Do not be hasty; do not shoot from the hip. Think before you speak.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Once again, your relations with parents and bosses are subject to surprises and interruptions. These interruptions might even include arguments. Don't say anything you will regret.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Travel plans will be interrupted, delayed or changed today. Likewise, school schedules, especially for colleges, universities and technical schools, might be unreliable.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Double-check your bank accounts and anything to do with inheritances and shared property, because something might throw you for a loop.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
People are impulsive and emotional today, which is why you have to maintain your cool. Avoid arguments with family members, partners and spouses.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Equipment breakdowns, computer glitches and interruptions to your work routine will be frustrating today. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Parents should be vigilant about their kids, because this is an accident-prone day. Likewise, social events and anything related to sports might have sudden changes.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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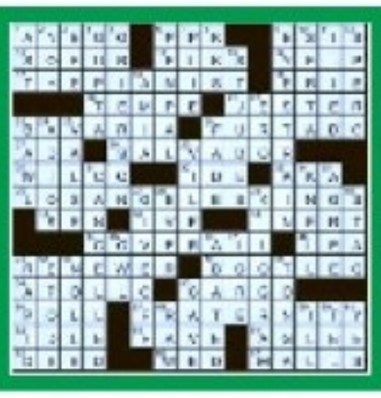

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